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) Group Art Unit 1774
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) Examiner Not Yet Known
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For : THIN COMPOSITE LAMINATE AND)
) USE THEREOF IN MAKING SPORTS)
) ARTICLES, ESPECIALLY BOOTS)

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

International Publication No. WO 96/26655 (VAZ), published on September 6, 1996, is cited as being a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with

regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, and 13-15 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Claims 1-5, 7-11, and page 4, line 23, to page 7, line 26, of WO '655 are cited as being pertinent.

British Publication No. 1 519 310 (SOCIETE NATIONALE D'ETUDE ET DE CONSTRUCTION DE MOTEURS D'AVIATION), published on July 26, 1978, is cited as being a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-4, 7, and 12 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Claims 1, 3-5, and examples 1-3 of GB '310 are cited as being pertinent.

British Publication No. 2 256 784 (UHL SPORTARTIKEL KARL), published on December 23, 1992, is cited as being a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 13, and 14 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Claims 1-3, 7, 15, and 16; page 19, lines 14-27; and page 22, lines 14-18 of GB '784 are cited as being pertinent.

In addition to the aforementioned documents cited in the search report of Applicants' priority application, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention as being pertinent for reasons cited in the specification of the instant application.

U.S. Patent No. 3,873,168 (VIOLA et al.), issued on March 25, 1975, is cited as pertinent for reasons mentioned in paragraph [0006] of the specification of the instant application.

U.S. Patent No. 3,779,851 (HERTZ), issued on December 18, 1973, is cited as pertinent for reasons mentioned in paragraph [0007] of the specification of the instant application.

French Patent Publication No. 2 742 063 (SALOMON S.A.), published on June 13, 1997, is cited as pertinent for reasons mentioned in paragraph [0009] of the specification of the instant application.

French Patent Publication No. 2 730 416 (TAYLOR MADE GOLF COMPANY, INC.), published on August 14, 1996, is cited as pertinent for reasons mentioned in paragraph [0010] of the specification of the instant application.

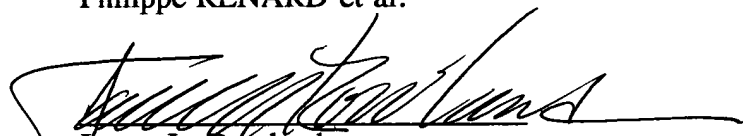
U.S. Patent No. 5,599,242 (SOLVICHE et al.), issued on February 4, 1997, is a family member of FR '416.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98 and MPEP 609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is enclosed herewith. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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